

NATIONAL ELECTRICAL AND COMMUNICATIONS ASSOCIATION (NECA) AWARDS 2004



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Neville Palmer, incoming president of NECA (left) with Peter Glynn, chief executive officer of NECA (right) and John Grundy, managing director of Grundy's Electrics Pty Ltd, winner of the Award for Environment and Energy Efficiency and overall National Award for Innovation.

ONCE A YEAR THE ELECTRICAL AND COMMUNICATIONS INDUSTRY comes together to recognise the excellence and achievements of its members and acknowledge their accomplishments. More than 350 members of the National Electrical and Communications Association met at the Sydney Super Dome for the 2004 NECA awards.

The leading industry body, NECA, in promoting excellence and encouraging innovation rewards the most outstanding design and installation projects from amongst its members. Looking for exceptional innovation, commercial competency and outstanding achievements in their fields, the awards are separated into 10 categories and each state is represented in these final categories. The overall gold award this year was presented to Downer RML Pty Ltd. Grundy's Electrics won the overall innovation award.



NILSEN ELECTRIC SOUTH AUSTRALIA (Also featured on page 85 of this issue, Commonwealth Law Courts, Adelaide.) received the award in the 'Industrial category', for their work on the Kimberly Clark Plant in South Australia. Their experience and professional approach to this complex contract was critical to the eventual success of the project. Nilsen Electric were engaged by Kimberly Clark to install, test and commission LV and HV power, switchgear, security and instrumentation systems along with lighting and communications. The company completed the work on time and within budget requirements, the task being made all the more difficult due to weather conditions at the time which produced significant difficulties, heavy rain creating a quagmire in which to work.

Throughout the project, Nilsen Electric demonstrated a level of commitment to the task that is commendable in producing a work ready site in the adverse conditions. Their employment of some creative and innovative solutions to the challenges presented, certainly put them in the front running for this award and the quality, experience and dedication of the employees and management of Nilsen Electric are well deserving of this recognition by their peers.

OTHER WINNING FINALISTS WERE:

- CATEGORY 1.** Domestic. Kings Park Electrical Service: For renovation of a peppermint grove home.
- CATEGORY 2.** Small Contracting Business. Gerard Percy Electrics Pty Ltd: For the Scots School, Young St, Albury
- CATEGORY 3.** International. PRA Electrical: For a tuna loining plant, Wewak, PNG
- CATEGORY 4.** Environment & Energy Efficiency. Grundy's Electrics: For a South East Water Project
- CATEGORY 5.** OH&S. Russell Smith (Company Nomination): For Russell Smith Electrical's dedication to OH&S.
- CATEGORY 6.** Industrial. Nilsen Electric: For their work on the Kimberly Clark (Aust) Plant.
- CATEGORY 7.** Voice Data (small project). Rivercorp Pty Ltd: For their work on RAAF Infrastructure HQ.
- CATEGORY 8.** Voice Data (large project). Rutledge Engineering: For the Royal Prince Alfred Hospital.
- CATEGORY 9.** Commercial (small project). O'Donnell Griffin: For the ECV Vicpol/Tally Ho Call Centre
- CATEGORY 10.** Commercial (large project). Downer RML Pty Ltd: For the ResMed Stage 1 Project.

